(d) and (e) The imports from G-8 countries increased during the last three years in response to the growing demand for capital goods and inputs required to sustain the upswing in manufacturing sector growth in India.

Price Stabilization fund for Growers of Tea, Coffee, Rubber and Tobacco

2301. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1090 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price stabilization fund to provide relief to the growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco in the times of depressed prices has been withdrawn; and

(b) if not, year-wise break-up of funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Funds released to provide relief to growers during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as follows:

2004-05	—	Rs. 91.565 lakh
2005-06	—	Rs. 130.965 lakh

Takeover of Administration of deep sea fishery sector by MPEDA

2302 SHRI V HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Marine products Export Development Authority if going to takeover the administration of the deep-sea fishery sector from Agriculture Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposals for transfer of this subject are pending with MPEDA;

(c) the date by which this transfer of subjects will occur; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

Impact of Import of Vitrified Tiles on domestic Industry

2303. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase import of vitrified tiles into India, especially from China, at low prices thereby hurting the local industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain producers in other countries have been exempted from the anti-dumping duty imposed by Government on vitrified tiles;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that such exemption is hurting the domestic industry; and

(d) whether Government propose to impose Safeguard Duty, *suo moto,* on vitrified tiles so as to save the domestic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) According to the information provided by the Directorate General of Safeguards they had received representations from M/s. Gujarat Ceramic Floor Tiles Manufacturers Association and M/s. India Council of Ceramic Tiles & Sanitary Ware containing brief requests for imposition of safeguard duty on vitrified tiles in 2004. These Association were requested to file proper application alongwith sufficient information. So far the Associations have not furnished any response to the Directorate General of Safeguards

The Directorate General of anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) had received an application from M/s. H.R. Johnson India Ltd Maharashtra and others alleging dumping of vitrified porcelain tiles from People's Republic of china and UAE. The DGAD initiated anti-dumping investigation in the case *vide* notification dated 6.8.2001. Definitive antidumping duty was levied in the range of US$ 0.74 to US$ 8.28 per sq meter by the Government *vide* customs notification dated 1.5 2003

On the basis of an application filed by M/s Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., China PR, a new shipper review was initiated *vide* notification dated 23.5.2003. It was observed that exports by